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U. S. HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.18 billion bushels the lowest level since 1971. Production was down 5 percent from last month and down 13 percent from 2001. Decline from June was due to a reduction in harvested acreage and a lower forecasted yield.
- ▶ **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 39.6 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month.
- ▶ **Winter wheat harvesting progress** in the 18 major producing States had reached 61 percent by June 30. This was 7 percentage points ahead of last year and 14 points ahead of average.

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Winter wheat production was forecast at 19.1 million bushels. This was down 19 percent from the June estimate

and 20 percent from a year earlier. The forecast was based on crop conditions as July 1 or the date of harvest if harvest occurred prior to July 1. Yield was estimated at 53 bushels per acre, down 9 bushels from June 1 and 13 bushels from a year earlier. This would be the smallest yield in 4 years. Acres for harvest as grain was estimated at 360,000 acres down 20,000 from the June estimate. The 190,000 acres not harvested for grain were plowed down for a cover crop prior to planting tobacco, cut as grain hay, chopped as grain hay or abandoned.

The decrease in production was brought about by both a decrease in acreage for grain and yield per acre. The decrease in harvested acreage was indicated by the June Acreage Survey. Farmers either used more acreage for tobacco plow down or was cut as grain hay. The occurrence of head scab was the major contributor to the yield decrease. A wet spring and early summer contributed to the disease problem. Reports from farmers on wheat quality and yields were varied.

WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., JULY 1, 2002

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2001	Ind. 2002	2001	Ind. 2002	2000	2001	Ind. 2002
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	2,000	1,650	33.0	23.0	68,150	66,000	37,950
Illinois	720	650	61.0	50.0	52,440	43,920	32,500
Indiana	380	330	66.0	58.0	35,190	25,080	19,140
Kansas	8,200	8,000	40.0	34.0	347,800	328,000	272,000
KENTUCKY	360	360	66.0	53.0	23,940	23,760	19,080
Missouri	760	760	54.0	44.0	49,400	41,040	33,440
Montana	870	800	22.0	33.0	44,550	19,140	26,400
Nebraska	1,600	1,450	37.0	30.0	59,400	59,200	43,500
Ohio	900	800	67.0	62.0	79,920	60,300	49,600
Oklahoma	3,700	3,500	33.0	30.0	142,800	122,100	105,000
Oregon	700	750	40.0	40.0	45,260	28,000	30,000
Tennessee	340	330	54.0	46.0	20,900	18,360	15,180
Texas	3,200	2,800	34.0	30.0	66,000	108,800	84,000
Washington	1,750	1,750	61.0	65.0	131,400	106,750	113,750
U.S.	31,295	29,764	43.5	39.6	1,566,023	1,361,479	1,178,320

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2002, were greater than year earlier levels for pork, poultry, beef, and vegetables. Cooler stocks of pecans were also above last year.

All U S. Warehouse Stocks				May 2002 as % of	
Commodity	May 31 2001	April 30 2002	May 31 2002	May 2001	April 2002
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	15,420	30,334	34,596	224	114
Other Chicken	645,492	816,738	788,691	121	96
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	671,244	851,334	830,174	124	98
Turkey	456,030	516,007	579,537	127	112
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,134,318	1,374,380	1,417,367	125	103
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	325,149	407,182	403,647	124	99
Pork:					
Bellies	46,029	63,293	62,245	135	98
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	421,474	566,607	546,146	130	96
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	772,497	996,434	972,617	126	98

1/Includes broilers, hens and other chickens. 2/Includes chicken, turkey and ducks. 3/Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 4/Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

2002 AGRICULTURAL CASH RENTS

Cash rent for **Kentucky** agricultural **cropland** for 2002 was \$68.00 per acre. Kentucky was part of the Appalachian Region which also included North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Within this five state region, Kentucky reported the highest cash rent value. The bordering states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee had cropland rents of \$124.00, \$101.00, \$76.50 and \$60.50 per acre respectively. Illinois led the nation with \$124.00 per acre for all cropland and California led the nation with \$310.00 per acre for irrigated cropland. The national cropland average was \$71.50 per acre, up 50 cents per acre from 2001.

Pasture cash rent was not reported for Kentucky due to the small number of reports received. With regard to pasture cash rent in neighboring states, Illinois was \$30.00 per acre, Missouri was \$23.60 per acre and Tennessee was \$16.50 per acre. The average for the Appalachian Region (North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia) was \$18.00 per acre. The national pasture rent was \$9.20 per acre, unchanged from 2001. Variations between the states was significant. Wisconsin and Illinois had the highest pasture rents at \$38.00 and \$30.00 respectively, while the states of Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming all reported pasture rent below \$5.00 per acre.

Cropland Rented for Cash: Average Cash Rent per Acre, by State and Nation, 1998 - 2002 1/

STATE	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
			Dollars		
Illinois	111.00	111.00	119.00	119.00	124.00
Indiana	98.00	99.00	100.00	100.00	101.00
Kentucky	65.00	70.00	74.00	72.00	68.00
Missouri (Non-Irrigated)	57.00	59.00	62.00	65.00	65.00
Ohio	73.20	73.70	74.00	76.50 *	76.50
Tennessee	57.00	62.00	60.00	59.50	60.50
Virginia	35.00	35.70	36.50	36.50	36.00
West Virginia	29.00	28.00	26.00	26.00	27.00
48 States	66.50	67.50	70.00	71.00	71.50

1/Unless otherwise specified as irrigated or non-irrigated, data are for all cropland. * Revised.

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MAY 2002

PRODUCT	May 2001	Apr. 2002 <u>1/</u>	May 2002	Percent of May 01 Apr. 02	
	(000) Pounds			Percent	
BUTTER	111,001	132,406	126,519	114	96
CHEESE					
American Types <u>2/</u>	308,548	316,800	327,361	106	103
Mozzarella	230,249	220,483	231,392	100	105
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	167,993	162,017	164,893	98	102
Total	706,790	699,300	723,646	102	103
	(000) Gallons			Percent	
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	80,467	80,214	76,936	96	96
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	7,886	6,878	7,410	94	108
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	46,448	47,198	45,775	99	97
Yogurt Mix	4,226	4,046	4,359	103	108

1/Revised. 2/Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 3/Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

U. S. EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

	May 2001	May 2002	May 02 % of May 01
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,240	7,262	100
Average Layers (000)	335,159	334,362	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,160	2,172	101
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	37,646	33,314	88
Chicks Hatched (000)	42,636	38,944	91
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	653,056	659,320	101
Chicks Hatched (000)	785,704	798,315	102

PEACH PRODUCTION

Commercial peach production for Kentucky was forecast at 2.00 million pounds, up 200,000 pounds from a year earlier. Growers are expecting a good production year. Peaches were generally frost free this Spring. Good fruit quality and prices are expected.

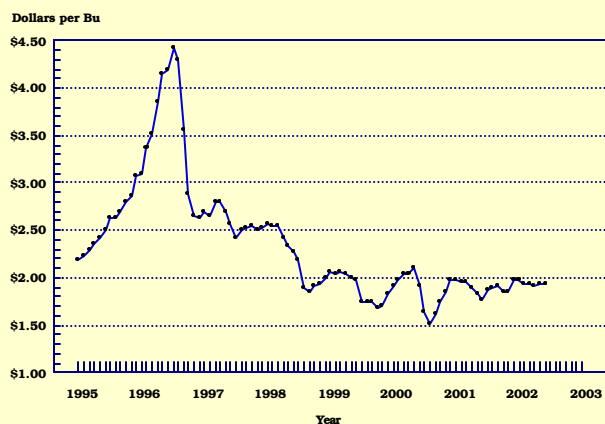
U.S. commercial peach production was forecast at 2.55 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2001 but 2 percent below two years ago. Of the 29 States that estimated peach production, 10 States forecast an increase in production, 17 States forecast a decline and 2 States were unchanged from 2001.

COMMERCIAL PEACH PRODUCTION 2001 & 2002 FORECAST

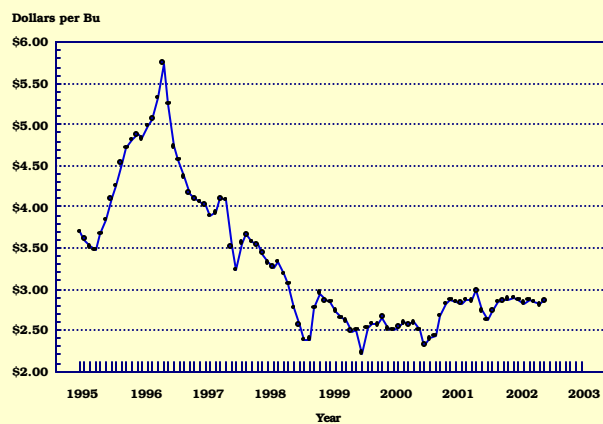
2002 Rank	STATE	2001	2002 <u>1/</u>
(Million Pounds)			
TOP FIVE STATES			
1.	California	1,727.0	1,880.0
2.	South Carolina	100.0	160.0
3.	Georgia	140.0	115.0
4.	New Jersey	75.0	65.0
5.	Pennsylvania	75.0	60.0
KENTUCKY & SURROUNDING STATES			
10.	Illinois	17.8	17.5
17.	Ohio	11.2	10.9
22.	Missouri	9.0	8.0
24.	Tennessee	3.7	4.0
25.	Indiana	3.0	3.1
29.	KENTUCKY	1.8	2.0
UNITED STATES		2,441.4	2,547.7

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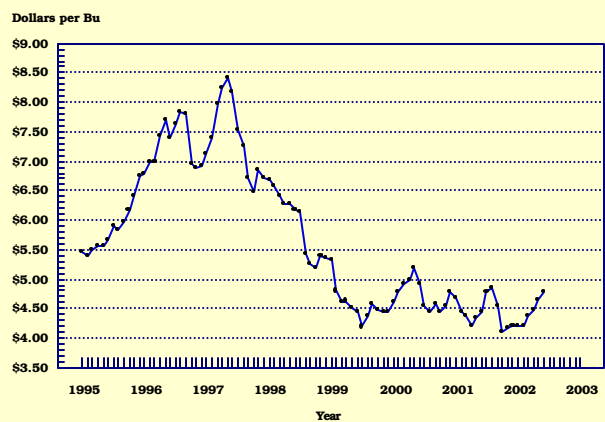
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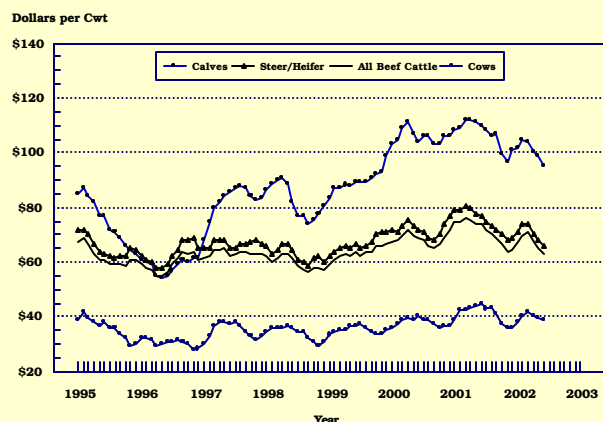
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